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Peter lives in Arlington, Virginia with his wife Barbara and 12-year old son Henry. When he is not fighting weeds in the family garden, he serves as Workforce Development Manager with Cisco Systems, Inc. in San Jose, California.

Cisco Systems is the worldwide leader in networking for the Internet. Cisco is one of America's greatest corporate success stories. Cisco's success depends upon maintaining a quality workforce of approximately 35,000 at its headquarters in San Jose, CA, as well more than 225 sales and support offices in 75 countries.

Leveraging the Internet, Cisco is changing the way we work, live, play, and learn. As part of an effort to bring the "E" into Education, Peter serves on a global team that is managing partnerships aimed at preparing future professionals. The Cisco networking Academy Program is an innovative elearning delivery initiative. In the last nine years, Cisco has established over 10,000 Cisco Networking Academies in all 50 states and 160 countries. .

Peter serves as Chair of CompTIA's Workforce Board in Chicago, Illinois. He is also a member of the Steering Committee for the U.S.-Danish Education Policy Exchange Partnership Initiative and serves on the Corporate Council of the American Association of Community Colleges. Locally, Peter serves on the Career and Technical Advisory Committee in Arlington, Virginia and the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board.

Peter has extensive expertise in the area of workforce development and education. He has authored publications on workforce issues, business-education partnerships, standards and school-to-career transition. Peter has served as a consultant to companies such as Motorola, Johnson & Johnson, Siemens, Pratt Whitney, and John Deere and Company --- to name a few.

Prior to joining the Cisco, Peter served as Vice President of the National Alliance of Business and as Youth Policy Advisor in the Massachusetts Governor's Office of Education Affairs. His commitment to training and education stems from his work as a public school science teacher.

After earning his doctorate in education and social policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1991, he and his wife embarked upon their first trip around the world. The fulfillment of this lifetime dream included an extensive tour of the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, East Africa and Continental Europe.